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AFGE Testimony -- We learned recently that AFGE President, Karen Kellen (an R8 employee), will testify the end of July before the House Oversight Committee. She let us know that she will focus on what she sees as a culture of bullying by managers in the agency that she does not believe is being addressed. She will refer to 3-4 examples (although not identifying them directly), one of which is in R8. We are working with Laura, Karl, and Kevin Minoli in preparation for the hearing.

Meeting with Ute Business Council -- I am currently planning for a meeting on July 22 on the U&O Reservation to meet with the Ute Business Council. It will be an informal meeting (not a Consultation) to discuss options and opportunities to partner to address environmental challenges related to the oil and gas development on the reservation.

In particular, high ozone levels have been observed over the last few years at numerous air monitors (tribal and state) in the Uinta Basin during winter inversions (as high as 134 ppb in 2013) ~98% of all VOCs and ~60% of all NOx emissions released in Uinta Basin are from oil and gas sources – it is estimated that ~75% of those sources are on the Reservation. There are ~10,000 existing oil and gas wells producing in the basin without federally required emission control.

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

We are coordinating with OGC, OITA and OAR, and on Thursday's HF call with Stan, I let folks know of my planned conversation with the Tribal Council on July 22.

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